

# POLICE CAPTAIN STUDY GUIDE

A written examination for the class of **POLICE CAPTAIN** to be administered in **HOUMA** on **FEBRUARY 4, 2010**, will consist of approximately 106 multiple-choice questions. The examination will test your knowledge in the following subject areas:

<b>SUBJECT AREA/KNOWLEDGE</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE % OF EXAM</b>
<b>POLICE ADMINISTRATION</b>  Knowledge of the principles of effective police service management and administration, involving researching, planning, organizing, directing, inspecting, and evaluating departmental operations; personnel management; financial management; and knowledge of the general care, maintenance, and use of equipment and property.	16.0%
<b>RECORDS/REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE</b>  Knowledge of effective records-management practices, including preparation, content, format, control, and retention; and knowledge of effective report preparation procedures, including the compilation, analysis, and organization of data into an effective written format for reports or official correspondence.	7.5%
<b>SUPERVISION</b>  Knowledge of the practices and techniques used in effective supervision in order to plan, organize, direct, and evaluate the work of subordinates; to resolve conflicts; and to maintain discipline.	16.0%
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS/CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS</b>  Knowledge of effective public relations practices which foster a positive public image of the department through contact with the media, other agencies, and the public; and of the procedures for conducting a crime prevention program to address specific community needs.	5.7%
<b>PATROL/GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MANAGEMENT</b>  Knowledge of the management of patrol practices and general law enforcement procedures, including responding to and handling crimes in progress, field interviews, arrest procedures, the use of firearms, and laws governing these procedures; and emergency medical care.	16.0%

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<b>TRAFFIC CONTROL/TRAFFIC ACCIDENT MANAGEMENT</b>  Knowledge of the management of traffic control, vehicle stops, and traffic accident investigations, including enforcement of all applicable motor vehicle laws.	11.3%
<b>CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION MANAGEMENT</b>  Knowledge of the management of operations involved in investigating crimes against persons or property, including identifying elements which constitute the various crimes; identification, collection, and preservation of evidence; search and seizure; interview and interrogation; court testimony; and applicable laws.	16.0%
<b>SPECIAL TACTICAL OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT</b>  Knowledge of the procedures for conducting special tactical operations such as crowd control situations, bomb threats, hostage situations, and operations during natural disasters or catastrophic events.	5.7%
<b>JUVENILE OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT</b>  Knowledge of the laws and procedures governing the handling of juveniles and the investigation of crimes by and against juveniles including detention of juveniles, interrogation of juveniles, and situations involving abuse of juveniles.	5.7%

## REFERENCE LIST

While the entire list of reference material will be useful to you in your preparation for the upcoming examination, the **majority** of test questions are sourced from those references listed under the Primary List.

### PRIMARY REFERENCE MATERIAL

**EFFECTIVE SUPERVISORY PRACTICES/Better Results Through Teamwork**, 777 North Capitol, Washington, DC 20005, 4th ed, 2005. (NOTE: May also be obtained through LSU **Firemen Training Program**).

**FUNDAMENTALS OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION**, O'Hara, Charles E., Charles C. Thomas Publisher (Bannerstone House), 2600 South First Street, Springfield, IL 62794-9265, 7th ed., 2003.

**SUPERVISION OF POLICE PERSONNEL**, Iannone N. F., Prentice - Hall, Inc.(Series in Criminal

Justice), Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632, 6th ed., 2001.

**POLICE ADMINISTRATION**, Wilson, O. W. and McLaren, Roy C., McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, N. Y., 5th ed., 1997.

**LOUISIANA LAW ENFORCEMENT HANDBOOK**, Louisiana District Attorneys Association, 1645 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, Available to Law Enforcement Officers through your local District Attorney's Office, 8th ed., 2002.

**POLICE FIELD OPERATIONS**, Adams, Thomas F., Prentice-Hall, Pearson Education, Inc., Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, 07458, 7th ed., 2007.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION: BASIC PERSPECTIVE**, Weston, Paul B., Prentice-Hall, 5th ed., 1990.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICE MANAGEMENT**, (Municipal Management Series), International City Management Association (ICMA), 1120 G St., N.W., Washington, DC 20005, 4th ed., 2003.

**TRAFFIC COLLISION INVESTIGATION**, The Traffic Institute, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 60204, 9th ed., 2001.

**ADVANCED SUPERVISORY PRACTICES**, International City/County Management Association, 777 N. Capitol Street N.E., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20002-4201, 1992.

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